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Impacts of global rebasing on US Army Forces in Europe



1. We are an Army at war. On 16 August 2004 our President announced that our forward-stationed military force will be reorganized and positioned to respond to the less predictable threats our Nation faces in the Global War on terrorism (GWOT). This plan will be executed over the next 10 years and will involve the return of 60,000 to 70,000 military personnel worldwide to CONUS. Simultaneously, the Army will rebalance its force structure while creating modular brigade combat teams to provide more agile and tailorable forces that are highly deployable worldwide. Together, these rebasing and restructuring efforts will provide us with a lean and lethal fighting force properly sized and stationed to meet our Nation's security needs. The following is an overview of what we expect USAREUR to look like in 10 years.

2. The Army's permanently stationed presence in Europe today includes approximately 62,000 Soldiers, with 240 installations among 14 major USAREUR community areas. We expect to reduce these numbers by approximately two thirds over the next 10 years. Our remaining communities will have ready access to advanced training facilities, high-capacity power-projection infrastructure, modernized well-being infrastructure and services, and state-of-the-art communications.

3. Concurrent with rebasing, we will establish joint-task-force (JTF)-capable headquarters in theater. USAREUR and V Corps headquarters will merge to become a single headquarters, called USAREUR&Task Force 5 (UR&TF5), performing Army Service Component Command functions for EUCOM, while providing a deployable war fighting headquarters capable of JTF operations for Combatant Commanders. We

will also establish one or two additional small, light, and mobile JTF-capable headquarters ready for contingencies around the globe.

4. Our USAREUR and V Corps' enabling brigades and battalions (referred to in Army jargon as "echelon above division" units) will be similarly merged and streamlined into Army units of action (UAs). These UAs will provide the correct mix of rapidly deployable, early-entry enablers for joint operations. UR&TF5 will have UAs for aviation, engineer, signal, military police, military intelligence, combat service support, medical, artillery, and others.

5. Our two divisions (1st Infantry and 1st Armored) and several echelon-above-division units will return to CONUS. We desire to station a Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Grafenwöhr, provided we reach agreements with our allies. The 173d Airborne Brigade will grow in size and be sourced with a third battalion and brigade enablers. Operationally, units such as the Army's new modular brigades will rotate from CONUS into forward operating sites (FOSS) in the territories of our new NATO partners to the east. All our units will train and exercise throughout the EUCOM AOR.

6. It's important for all of us to understand that this plan may change based on the global security situation, new GWOT requirements, and negotiations with our allies and friends. Regardless, execution will be thorough and deliberate. Due to the Army's ongoing rebalancing efforts, some units may inactivate or return to CONUS in the relative near term, but only after proper notification to the units and deliberate consultations with the affected host nations. There will be no surprises. If your unit is affected, you and your family will have time to properly pre-

pare. USAREUR and IMA-E will work together to ensure you will be cared for throughout the process, and your return to CONUS will be smooth and successful.

7. Some believe that units in Afghanistan or Iraq will redeploy to CONUS directly from operations. That will not happen. If a deployed unit is designated for return to CONUS, it will fully redeploy, reintegrate, and reconstitute at its European home base first. No family will be left to move themselves back to CONUS.

8. Our transformation will require a thorough, intense, and coordinated effort among all affected organizations and units. Open communication and synchronization will be key to our success. For that reason, I have established a dedicated Global Rebasing and Restructuring (GR2) Division within the USAREUR battle staff. This agency will manage the transformation effort and provide a single clearinghouse for information, requirements, plans, and orders. The chain of command will feed information from GR2 to our Soldiers and families so you have the right information. We will keep you informed and strive to stop rumors before they start.

9. I want to thank each of you for everything you have done for your Nation. I will keep you posted. Our Army has consistently answered our Nation's call, moved rapidly to the fight, and emerged victorious. The announced restructuring plans will posture us for the future, with the right joint war fighting capabilities stationed at the right locations so we can continue to execute with excellence, Any Mission, Anywhere!

B.B. BELL,
General, USA, Commanding

DPW encourages customers to recycle trash at local SORT centers

The 254th BSB has a SORT center, located at the Schinnen Emma Mine complex in Schinnen. Operating hours are Mon-Fri, 9-10 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. The center accepts recyclables from US residents in the housing areas. However, residents are encouraged to use the local disposal facilities for recyclables. If you leave items at the Schinnen SORT Center be sure to place all



items inside the appropriate recycle containers and break down all cardboard boxes. For more information please call the DPW Environmental Management Office, DSN 360-7225/0031-(0)46-4437225.

Following is a list of local facilities "Milieupark". Before you decide to use these facilities have a look at the list where to go.

Beek	Breinderveldweg 16, Schinnen, (046-4439292). Hours: Thu-Fri, 3-7 p.m.; Sat, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Born	Florianstraat 5, Born (046-4784780). Hours: Mon-Fri, 8.30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; Sat, 8.30 a.m.-noon.
Brunssum	Industrial Estate "Rode Beek", Milieuweg 1, Brunssum (045-5437100). Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-7 p.m. (Winter till 5 p.m.); Sat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Echt	Maasbrachterweg 3, Montfort (0475-541326). Hours: Mon-Thu, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Friday, 12:30-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Geleen	"Borrekuil" Handelsweg 1, Geleen (046-4784780). Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; Sat, 8:30 a.m.-noon.
Gulpen-Wittem	Industrial estate "Aan de Femme 25", Margraten (045-5437150). Hours: Mon, Tues and Fri, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m., Thu 1-7 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Heerlen	Corner Beersdalweg/Huisbergerstraat 250, Heerlen (045-5437100). Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-7 p.m. (Winter till 5 p.m.); Sat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Kerkrade	Ir. Wintgensstraat 2, Industrial Estate "Spekholzerheide", Kerkrade (045-5437100). Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-7 p.m. (Winter till 5 p.m.), Sat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Landgraaf	Industrial Estate "Strijthagen" Schaesberg, Marconistraat 28 (045-5437100). Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-7 p.m. (Winter till 5 p.m.); Sat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Maastricht	Industrial estate "Beatrixhaven", Fregatweg, (043-3505100). Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Margraten	Industrial estate "Aan de Femme 25", (045-5437150). Mon, Tues and Fri 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:30; Thu, 1-7 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Meerssen	Industrial estate "Beatrixhaven", Fregatweg, Maastricht (043-3505100). Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Onderbanken	Breinderveldweg 16, Schinnen (046-4439292). Thu and Fri from 3-7 p.m. (Winter 1:30-5:30 p.m.); Sat, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Schinnen	Breinderveldweg 16, Schinnen (046-4439292). Thu and Fri, 3-7 p.m. (Winter 1:30-5:30 p.m.); Sat, 8.30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sittard	Industrial Estate "North", "Philips" area, Milieuparkweg 1, Sittard (046-4784780). Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; Sat, 8:30 a.m.-noon.
Stein	Stadhouderslaan 245, Stein, (046-4338899). Mon-Fri, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Susteren	Maasbrachterweg 3, Montfort (0475-541326). Mon-Thu, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Fri, 12:30-6 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Valkenburg	Industrial Estate, De Valkenburg 13, Valkenburg (Broekhem) (043-6099292). Thu and Fri, 1-7 p.m.; Sat, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Veterans' administrator representative to speak at Schinnen

Mr. Kevin Esslinger, a representative of the US Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) will conduct a briefing to members of the Tri-Border community Sept. 17, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Command Conference Room, Bldg. 8 (Headquarters) on Schinnen. All members of the Tri-Border community are invited to attend.

Esslinger's briefing will cover VA benefits and programs for armed forces veterans and active duty personnel who will be leaving active service. Other topics will include medical assistance overseas, filing for VA compensation claims and reopening compensation claims, the 3 GI Bill Education Programs, VA pensions, death and burial benefits, VA mortgages and insurance.

Following the briefing, Esslinger will answer questions from the audience and is available for individual appointments following the class.

Personnel planning to attend need to contact Ron Holland at DSN 360-7320/046-4437320 by Sept. 13 to reserve a seat.

Cell phone users be aware!!!!

If you receive a message on your cell phone "call received in absence" with the number +49137799090269 or +4917233223333, don't call back!!

These numbers are "trap numbers." Your call will be on hold for an hour or longer and you won't be able to interrupt the connection.



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Tri-border community news

Just a reminder.

If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately to the Schinnen MP Desk at 046-443-7555. They in turn will notify the respective personnel and agencies. However, if it is an emergency you have to dial 112 for host nation emergency services.

Attention! Local night spot off-limits!

U.S. authorities have put the Koempel Club (K-Club) on Rumpenerstraat in Brunssum temporarily off-limits to all U.S. personnel in the Tri-border. For more information call Tom Leugers at 0031-46-443-7351.

Additional hours mail room

Effective August 25, the Schinnen Mail Room will be open for mail distribution from noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday, to support postal patrons during lunchtime. This initiative in customer service does not change the regular posted mail hours of Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 4-5 p.m.; Thursday, 3-5 p.m. For questions or more information contact Jimmy Carter at DSN 360-7410 or send an email to Jimmy.Carter@benelux.army.mil.

Raising fund for kids

Please help us raise fund for "Kids in Kabul" and come out Saturday, Aug. 28, 2-7 p.m. to the JHC HQ Brunssum Sports Complex. There will be plenty of food/drink, booths, music, sports, pony rides, a mini flea market and many more activities. If you need more information contact either Colin at 0031-(0)45-5262055 or Trudy at 0031-(0)45-5262626.

Dutch Railways (NS)

Due to recent operating changes within the Dutch Railways (NS), customers requiring domestic train tickets (within The Netherlands) will be required to make their own arrangements either from a NS touch-screen machine located at most train stations or directly at a train station ticket sales office.

International train tickets (must contain travel to or via Germany) may

be ordered through the local CTO, however a minimum of 7 working days will be required as the tickets need to be ordered and mailed to the CTO.

If an international train ticket is required within 7 days of departure the traveller will be required to purchase the ticket from an NS touch-screen machine located at most train stations or directly at a train station tickets sales office.

The NS is currently in the process of developing new procedures to provide travel agencies with a more efficient way to purchase tickets i.e. on-line.

Alliance Players

The players will kick off this season with a party on Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. at the theater. Food will be served and everyone is invited to come. The board likes to share information on the up-coming season, audition dates and how you can get involved with the community theater.

Auditions for "The Diary of Anne Frank" will take place Sept. 12 and 13. "Frankenstein the Panto" auditions are scheduled for Sept. 16 and 22.

Check out the Players' events page, www.allianceplayers.com for more details.

Fire Prevention at Home

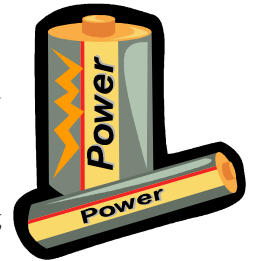
Unattended cooking is still a major cause of fires in housing. This kind of fire can become uncontrollable if it spreads too easily. One of the first things that can contribute to the spread of a cooking fire is the oven hood filter. An oven hood filter saturated with grease will easily ignite if exposed to a fire. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you replace or clean your oven hood filter at least once a year. People living in government leased quarters can get new oven hood filters through the self-help program. POC is Rob Walraven, DPW fire chief, DSN 360-7230 or Civ. 0031-(0)46-4437230.

Emergency number Essent changed

Essent has changed the telephone number for customers to call in case of failure with electricity or gas to 0800-9009 (manned 24 hrs a day). Maintenance mechanics should be at your house within two hours.

Recall batteries 15-inch PowerBook G4
Apple Computers has issued a warn-

ing/recall on batteries of the 15-inch PowerBook G4. The recalled batteries have the model number: A1045 and serial numbers that begin with: HQ404, HQ405, HQ406, HQ407, or HQ408. Batteries with the affected serial numbers contain cells that were manufactured by LG Chem, Ltd. of South Korea during the last week of December 2003



only. Check if you have any of these models in your unit and if so go to <https://depot.info.apple.com/batteryexchange/index.html> to get them replaced.

Activities AFNORTH International School for September

Sept. 2 - 5-5:45 p.m. Middle School Presentation.

- High School: Parents can pick up their schedule at 5:30 p.m. and follow their students' schedule 6-8:30 p.m.

Sept. 13 - No school - Teacher in-service day.

Sept. 18 - 10 a.m. First high school home football game: AIS vs. SHAPE

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. AIS Country Fair - Fun, food and entertainment in and around the AIS Cafeteria during the football game!

Sept. 25 - 10 a.m. High school homecoming and football: AIS vs ROTA.

Schinnen Barber & Beauty Shop move

The Schinnen Barber and Beauty

Shop will close from Aug. 30 to Sept. 18 for facility renovations. During this time, the facilities will be open Tuesday-Saturday

from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Teen Center at the Schinnen Sports Center.





Rita Hoefnagels

Leisure Activities

Thru Aug. 28: *Fishery Days* in the center and harbor of Harlingen (NL) includes air show, fishing, sailing race, nautical market, fun fair and concerts. Information: 0031-(0)517-412343.

Aug. 28-29: *WK Powerboat Races Formula 3* at "Het Weerwater" in Almere (NL). No entrance fee. Information: 0031-(0)36-5485041.

Antique Market in the center of Den Haag/The Hague (NL).

Antique and Folklore Festival in the center of Wijnandsrade (NL). Information: 0031-(0)45-5242429.

Thru Aug. 29: *Preuvenemint* at Vrijthof in the center of Maastricht (NL). Taste the culinary specialties of renowned Maastricht restaurants and surrounding area. Information: www.vvvmaastricht.nl or 0031-(0)43-3252121.

"*Stöppelhaene*", a large harvest festival with parades, market, demonstrations of old crafts and lots amusement in center of Raalte (NL). Information: www.stoppelhaene.nl

Country Living Fair in Vorden (NL). The various aspects of country living is the focus of this outdoor fair in the

beautiful surroundings of Castle Vorden. Entry: €10. Information: 0031-(0)575-557474.

Thru Aug. 30: *Guilds Festival* in Soest (NL). During the festival the Gaesbeek Guild members compete for the title 'King of the Guild.' Sports events, music and folkloric activities are also part of the festival.

Aug. 31-Sept. 5: *HISWA*, an annual boat show with more than 400 luxurious yachts on display at Seaport Marina in IJmuiden (NL). Entry: €15. Information: 0031-(0)343-524747.

Sept. 3-5: *Nautical Days* with many boats, ships, music and attractions in the center of Haarlem (NL). No entrance fee. Information: 0031-(0)23-5451382.

World Harbor Festival in the harbors and along the river in Rotterdam (NL). Program includes evening shows, demonstrations and excursions. Information: 0031-(0)10-4125353.

Sept. 4: Major *Air Show* at Airport Lelystad (NL).

Day of Fishery in center of Spakenburg (NL) with trips on fishing boats and demonstrations of various fishery

crafts. No entrance fee.

Sept. 4-5: *International Viking Weekend* at Archeon in Alphen a/d Rijn (NL) includes demonstrations, Viking weaponry and a large market with medieval crafts.

Info: www.archeon.nl or 0031-(0)172-447744.

Sept. 5: *Brocante Market* with antiques, knickknacks, and nostalgia in Doorn (NL). Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sept. 8-12: "*Pieper*" (*Potato*) Festival in the center of Emmeloord (NL) with various activities, including tasting hot chips. No entrance fee.

Sept. 9-12: "*Bourgondisch 's-Hertogenbosch*" in the center of Den Bosch (NL). Renowned chefs will prepare culinary specialties for all to taste. Information: 0031-(0)73-5134994.

Country Fair at the Manor in the center of Doorn (NL). The Manor was once refuge to the former German emperor, Wilhelm II, after WWI. The fair features more than 120 participants. Entry is €10. For more information call 0031-(0)35-6948555.



At The Movies

AFNORTH Alliance Theater

Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. *Troy*. Starring Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom. Rated R. Set in ancient Greece, Paris the Prince of Troy begins an affair with Helen, the Queen of Sparta. King Menelaus takes this as a terrible insult. His brother Agamemnon, King of the Mycenaeans, unites the populations of Greece to bring Helen back from Troy.

Aug. 28, 5:30 p.m. *Shrek 2*. Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Antonio Banderas. Rated PG. Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona's parents inviting them to dinner. Fiona's parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge: the in-laws!

8 p.m. *The Day after Tomorrow*. Star-

ring Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal. Rated PG-13. A climate disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee the south, professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m. *Van Helsing*. Starring Hugh Jackman, Will Kemp. Rated PG-13. Van Helsing, the legendary vampire hunter, travels to Transylvania to bring down the powerful Count Dracula and joins forces with Anna Vanlerious to rid her family of an old curse by defeating the vampire.

Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m. *The Stepford Wives*. Starring Nicole Kidman, Bette Midler. Rated PG-13. Joanna and her husband move into the suburban community of Stepford, where she soon notices that the local housewives seem oddly bland

and too perfect. After some investigation with her new friend, she uncovers the town's secret.

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Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. *The Notebook*. Starring James Garner, Gena Rowlands. Rated PG-13. A man reads from a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits, bringing to life the story of a couple separated by World War II, but passionately reunited 7 years later after they had taken different paths. Though her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared.